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Hq. 12th Army Group  
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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000  
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,400,000  
(Situation Map attached).

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between First French and Seventh Army effective 250001B: As before to LAUFFEN S0354 (to Seventh Army) thence along Railroad to ASPERG S0235 - Autobahn to CR R9421 - Autobahn to CR S0911 (all to Seventh Army) - METZINGEN X1494 - DETTINGEN X1993 - MUNSINGEN X3080 - EHINGEN X4736 - REINSTETTEN X6448 (all to First French Army) - KEMPTEN X9306 - HOFFEN D2279 (both to Seventh Army).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (241200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. (Army Troops). 14th French Division. No change. 20th Armored Division. Attached to the 6th Army Group. Further attached to SEVENTH ARMY and XV Corps in the vicinities of N8433, N8014, N2628 and T0480.

I French Corps. 9th Colonial Division. (With the 81st Inf atchd). Advanced up to ten miles south along the RHINE River on a six-mile front. LIEB V9104, LITTEWELER W1231 and HUTTINGEN A8597 were occupied. The 3d Choc Group and Combat Command "3" 1st French Armored Division were relieved from attachment. The Division was relieved from attachment to I French Corps and placed under Army Command. The 81st Infantry was attached to the division. Front line change: A8597 - A8797 - V9104. 4th French Mountain Division. (With the 126th Inf and 2d Gp Mor Tabors atchd). Continued to advance west into the Black Forest against light, sporadic resistance and captured WOLTERDINGEN W5130, ESCHLACH W5718 and ACHDORF W5716. Front line change: W5130 and W5718 - W5716. 1st French Armored Division. (With the 2d Choc Gp atchd). Continued to advance east and gained up to eighteen miles on a five-mile front. The towns of AUFHOFEN X5355, BALTENINGEN X5855 and BIBERACH X5446 were occupied and contact made with the 10th US Armored Division (VI Corps) in the vicinity of X3861. Combat Command "3" reverted to command and commenced movement to rejoin the division. Front line change: X5445 - X6843 - X4860.

II French Corps. 2d Moroccan Division. Advanced up to four miles south on a five-mile front and reached RINGINGEN X0170, UEDINGEN X0778 and ERPFINGEN X0873. The advance was hindered by abattis and moderate resistance. Front line change: X0170 - X0270 - X0873 - X0778. 5th French Armored Division. Attached to I French Corps. Combat Command "5" contacted Seventh Army units in the vicinity of METZINGEN X1594 and then commenced movement to rejoin the remainder of the Division. Combat Command "4" and Combat Command "6" moved to the area W9518 - X1326 and then attacked south and made a slight advance. Front line change: X1023 - X1425 - X2128. 3d Algerian Division. (With 1 Gp Mor Tabors and 152 Inf atchd). Continued mopping up in the vicinity of STUTTGART S0423.

SEVENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 36th Division. No change. 101st Airborne Division. Assigned to Seventh Army and commenced to assemble in the vicinity of S2890 in Army Reserve.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Commenced to assemble south and east of STUTTGART S0423. 103d Division. Continued its advance to the south and occupied METZINGEN X1595, BOHRINGEN X3189 and ZAMINGEN X3488. The units advanced up to eleven miles south. Front line change: X1578 - X1588 - X2590 - X3083 - X3083 - X3073. 41st Division. Units crossed the DONAU River in the vicinity of X4865 - X5061. Other units entered ULM X6781. The 114th Infantry protected the left flank of the division and advanced up to five miles east on a nine-mile front. Front line change: X5987 - X5695 - S5500. 10th Armored Division. Combat Command "B" captured two bridges over the DONAU River in the vicinity of X4161 while Combat Command "A"

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captured a bridge over the DONAU River in the area X5971. The attack was continued and an advance of nineteen miles southeast on a ten-mile front was made. On the left Combat Command "A" entered ULM X6781. Front line change: X5665 - X6360 - X7554 - X7460 - X7266 - X7071 - X6776 - ULM X6781.

XXI Corps. 63d Division. Continued the attack south and gained up to fourteen miles. Front line change: S6123 - S6423. 4th Division. Advanced south three miles. AALEN S7329 and ELLWANGEN S7543 were occupied. Front line change: S6828 - S7028 - S7325. 12th Armored Division. Advanced up to thirteen miles south on a fourteen-mile front. Units captured HOLZHEIM Y0694 and reached SONTHM Y1495 while fighting continued in HOCHSTADT T0905. Front line change: X9393 - X9592 - X9893 - Y0280 - Y0694 - Y1496 - T1400. 101st Cavalry Group. Operated on Corps flanks in the areas X4992, X9899 and T1812 respectively.

XV Corps. 3d Division. The 30th Infantry advanced to S8327, a gain of three miles southeast. The Division was attached to XXI Corps. The 15th Infantry commenced movement to the vicinity of DILLINGEN T0301 and the 7th Infantry commenced movement to the Corps zone from the vicinity of NURNBERG O4200. 42d Division. Gained twelve miles southeast on a fourteen mile front. Front line change: T0248 - T1043 - T1838 - T2141. 45th Division. Advanced south up to twelve miles on a six-mile front on the left of the 42d Division. Front line change: T3044 - T3237 - T2933 - T3837 - T4039 - T3944. 14th Armored Division. Attached to the Third Army effective 231200B. 106th Cavalry Group. Assembled in the vicinity of T3244.

21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. VIII Corps. No change.

XII Corps. Guards Armored Division. Captured ZEVEN S0323 from the southeast. Other units gained four miles west on a three-mile front and occupied OHRELL S0335. Front line change: S0335 - S0032 and S0323. 53d Division. Made a gain of two miles east on a three mile front. Front line change: S0613 - S0712 - S1008.

XXX Corps. 43d Division. (With the 8th Armd Bde and the 154th Bde atchd). 130th Brigade relieved units of the 52d Division on the line W8696 and W8597. Units advanced four miles north on a seven mile front. The 154th Brigade was attached to the division. Front line change: X0698 - X0198 - W9696 - W9599 - W9298 - W8597. 52d Division. Advanced five miles north and entered BREMEN W7498. Many buildings in the southern portion of the city were destroyed and the roads impassable to wheeled vehicles. Front line change: W7897 - W7797 - W7695. 3d Division. (With the 378th US Inf atchd). Advanced two miles north in the direction of BREMEN W7498 on a three-mile front. Front line change: W7591 - W7493 - W7295. 51st Division. 154th Brigade was attached to the 43d Division.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

II Canadian Corps. 2d Canadian Division. Units advanced up to six miles northeast on a two-mile front. Front line change: W4993 - W4694. 4th Canadian Armored Division. The Division motor battalion advanced five miles east on a three-mile front. Front line change: W1799 - R1502. 3d Canadian Division. Advanced north on a thirteen mile front and gained up to six-miles. Front line change: Q7710 - Q7814 - Q7214 - Q6817 - Q6415 - Q5916. 5th Canadian Armored Division. An estimated 1500 enemy troops remained in the vicinity of DELFZIJL Q4626. Six enemy ships in the area were attacked by air and one was beached.

I Canadian Corps. No change.

AIR. (24 April). Eighth Air Force: No operations. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division dispatched 167 bombers against two targets in Germany. The Tactical Air Commands flew 135 sorties on reconnaissance missions.

#### 4. WEATHER. (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Scattered to broken low clouds. Visibility: Northern portion of Battle Area: Less than 2,000 yards in fog patches at dawn becoming 4 - 6 miles after 1100B. Southern portion of Battle Area: 2 - 4 miles at dawn becoming 5 - 7 miles by 1000B. Wind: Light and variable. Temperatures at WIESBADEN: Maximum 58° F. Minimum 38° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Enemy resistance on the army front was light and scattered. (Army Troops). 474th Infantry, (non-div), 70th Division, 80th Division and 16th Armored Division. All no change. 4th Armored Division. Closed, loss trains, in an assembly area in the vicinity of BAYREUTH 07556.

III Corps. 86th Division. Advanced southeast up to twenty miles on an eleven-mile front. Front line change: T4842 - EICHSTATT T5238 - T5442 - T5445 and T6346 - HIRNSTETTEN T6047 - T5951. 14th Armored Division. Advanced southeast up to thirteen miles on a twelve-mile front. Combat Command "A" assembled in the vicinity of OBER-MASSING T6063. Front line change: T6442 - T6543 and BEILNGRIES T7355. 99th Division. Advanced southeast up to fourteen miles on a ten-mile front. Front line change: HAUNSTETTEN T6852 - T7052 and KEVENHULL T7657 - T7164 - T6768. 14th Cavalry Group. The 18th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron advanced southeast up to thirty-two miles and reached WALDORF U0146. Front line change: T7072 - T6977.

XX Corps. 13th Armored Division. The 93d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron screened the corps right flank from NEUMARKT T7182 to DASSWANG T8668. 65th Division. Mopped up behind the 3d Cavalry Group. The 259th Infantry cleared the enemy from KOLLERSRIED T9660 and the 260th Infantry cleared the enemy from RECHBERG U0167. Front line change: T9459 - T9660 - U0146. 3d Cavalry Group. Advanced southeast up to six miles on a nine-mile front. Front line change: DANUBE River between KAPFELBERG U1045 and U1657 - U1857. 71st Division. Advanced southeast up to seven miles on a seven-mile front. The 14th Infantry commenced to cross the REGEN River at REGENSTAUF U2067. Front line change: U2067 - U2268 - U2273 - REGEN River to U2678.

XII Corps. 26th Division. Advanced south up to twelve miles on a fourteen-mile front. Front line change: U3077 - U3076 - U3572 - U3570 - ZELL U4071 - U4275 - U5169. 11th Armored Division. Advanced southeast up to twenty-eight miles. Combat Command "B" reached KIRCHDORF Q0449. Front line change: REGEN U9455 - Q0449 - Q0060. 90th Division. Advanced east up to twelve miles on a twenty-three mile front. The 90th Reconnaissance Troop cleared the enemy from SCHONSEE P4712. Front line change: U5096 - P4011 - P4712 - P4414 - P4418 - P4522 - P4326 - P4427 - P4732. 2d Cavalry Group. Relieved the 359th Infantry (90th Div) on the front line P3238 - P3243 - P3347 - P3350 - P3153. Front line change: P3350 - P3153. 97th Division. Advanced east up to five miles on a three-mile front. Front line change: P2868 - P3271.

FIRST ARMY. All First Army Units are now west of the line of the MULDE River south to ROCHLITZ K5484 thence south along the railroad ROCHLITZ-CHEMNITZ K6561 to the vicinity of K6365. (Army Troops). 78th Division. (With the 112th RCT atchd). The 112th Regimental Combat Team was relieved from attachment and commenced movement from the First Army Area. 7th Armored Division. No change.

VIII Corps. No change.

V Corps. 2d Division. Withdrew all units to the west bank of the MULDE River and continued patrolling. 69th Division. Patrols found WURZEN E4819 unoccupied by the enemy. 102d Cavalry Group. The 38th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron cleared the enemy from the woods west of MAUMBERG J8491.

VII Corps. 3d Armored Division. (With the 60th Inf atchd). The 60th Infantry reverted to the command of the 9th Division. Combat Command "B" was enroute to an assembly area in the vicinity of SANGERHAUSEN D4725. Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "R" were attached to the 9th Division. 9th Division. (With CCA and CCR 3d Armd Div atchd). Assumed responsibility for the 3d Armored Division zone. The 47th Infantry held the line of the MULDE River from the vicinity of E1558 to the vicinity of E1171. 1st Division. Closed in assembly areas in the vicinity of BLANKENHEIM D5629. 4th Cavalry Group. Closed in assembly areas in the vicinity of D3559 - D4152.

XVIII Airborne Corps. The XXII Corps (Fifteenth Army) assumed responsibility for the XVIII Airborne Corps sector at 251200B.

NINTH ARMY. XIX Corps. No change.

XIII Corps. 407th Infantry. No change. 175th Infantry. Cleared the enemy from the woods in the vicinity of Y2253. 29th Division. (Less the 175th Inf). Advanced north up to five miles on a twenty-two mile front against light resistance. Closed along the ELBE River between T1020 and T4002. Relieved the 5th Armored Division. Front line change: ELBE River vicinity T4002 - T1020. 5th Armored Division. Enroute to an assembly area in the vicinity of GIWHORN X9135.

XVI Corps. 17th Airborne Division. Completed the relief of elements of the 8th Division south of the RUHR River. The division was attached to the XXII Corps (Fifteenth Army) at 251200B. 95th Division. Commenced to relieve units of the 75th Division. 75th Division. Commenced to be relieved by the 95th Division. 5th Division. Correction to G-3 Periodic No. 323 should read Major General ALBERT E. BROWN 03409 assumed command of the 5th Division on 21 April.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 66th Division. (With the 422d and 423rd RCTs atchd), 106th Division. (Less the 422d and 423rd RCTs) and 115th Cavalry Group. All no change.

XXIII Corps. Assumed command of REG BEZ KOBLENZ east of the RHINE river at 242000B and the remaining portion of the SAARLAND at 242345B.

XXII Corps. Assumed command and responsibility for the portion of the RHEIN PROVINZ south of the 12th Army Group-21 Army Group boundary and east of the RHINE River to include all portions of REG BEZ DUSSELDORF and KOLN at 241200B. 17th Airborne Division. Attached to XXII Corps and assumed responsibility for the portion of the RHEIN PROVINZ south of the 12th Army Group-21 Army Group boundary to the north boundary of LANDKREIS DUSSELDORF-METTMAN. 94th Division. Assumed responsibility for the remainder of REG BEZ DUSSELDORF east of the RHINE River. Completed the relief of the 8th Division. 28th Division. (Less the 112th RCT). Relieved from attachment to XXII Corps and attached to the XXIII Corps. Assumed responsibility for the portion of the SAARLAND east of the Sixth Army Group-12th Army Group boundary. Relieved units of the 36th Division.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 242400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	72,771	294,833	35,607	9,728	412,939
Non-battle					313,167
Total casualties					726,106

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: I French Corps ROTTWEIL W6652; 42d Division T2061; 44th Division X4772; 45th Division T3652; 100th Division S1024; 2d Moroccan Division W9892; 3d Algerian Division S0801; 4th French Mountain Division W6040; 9th Colonial Division W0833; 1st French Armored Division X5355; 5th French Armored Division W8032;

21 Army Group: 53d British Division S1609.

12th Army Group: First Army (fwd) WEIMAR J5170; III Corps SCHWABACH T3886; XII Corps GRAFENWOHR P0132; 1st Division BLANKENHEIM D5629; 26th Division BODENWOHRER U3284; 65th Division DEUERLING U0457; 71st Division KATZDORF U1781; 86th Division ELLINGEN T3556; 90th Division LEUCHTENBERG P2620; 94th Division DUSSELDORF F3393; 99th Division HILPOLTSTEIN T5171; 3d Armored Division SANGERHAUSEN D4725; 5th Armored Division NEUEMUHLE Y2157; 76th Division LIMBACH K5262; 11th Armored Division PATERSDORF U8359; 17th Airborne Division A3123.

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